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SUBJECT: MEXICAN-SPANISH CIVIL ACCORD

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND SPAIN MET IN MADRID MAY 2-5 AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS OF A BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT, THE TEXT OF WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOM FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN. HERETOFORE, DUE TO THE LACK OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WHICH WERE ONLY RE-ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR, COMMERCIAL AIR OPERATIONS WERE GOVERNED BY PERMITS AUTHORIZED BY EACH GOVERNMENT.

2. A LOCAL AVIATION SOURCE STATES AGREEMENT INCLUDES CAPACITY PROVISIONS AND ESTABLISHES A POOL BETWEEN IBERIA AND AEROMEXICO ON THE ROUTES OPERATED BY EACH (MADRID-MONTREAL-MEXICO CITY AND MEXICO CITY-MIAMI-MADRID, RESPECTIVELY) AS WELL AS THEIR INTERCHANGE/TRANSFER OPERATION BETWEEN MADRID AND MEXICO CITY VIA NEW YORK. THE CAPACITY PROVISIONS WILL PERMIT IBERIA TO OPERATE THREE BOEING 747 FLIGHTS WEEKLY AND AEROMEXICO FIVE FLIGHTS WEEKLY USING ONE OF ITS TWO DC-10S AND A DC-8. SOURCE ADDED THAT THE POOLING AGREEMENT IS NOT REALLY IN IBERIA'S INTEREST, BUT THE AIRLINE AGREED TO IT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN GOM AGREEMENT TO LIFT CAPACITY

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RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF ITS BOEING 747. PRESENT LIMITATION PERMIT IBERIA TO SELL ONLY UP TO TWO-THIRDS OF THE SEATS AVAILABLE ON ANY FLIGHT. THOMPSON

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